



## WHITE PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### News Release

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – March 2013

### FOR ADULTS

Saturdays / 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 10:00 AM

**Saturday GED Class** / Get ready to take the GED test in this drop in class for adults, ages 16 and up. Space is limited. First come, first served.

Mondays / 4, 11, 19, 25 / 6:00 PM

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Tuesdays / 5, 12 / 10:00 AM & Tuesdays / 5, 12, 19 / 6:00 PM & Thursdays / 7, 14, 21 / 10:00 AM

**Citizenship Class** / This class will prepare participants to take the United States Citizenship exam and will cover all parts of the process. Students will review the information needed to pass the exam along with basic test-taking skills. Students will receive instruction on the 100 citizenship questions and will also be properly prepared for the English-language section of the test. The class is free but space is limited. Register at any class. Students must be at least 21 years old.

Tuesdays / 5, 12, 19 / 10:30 AM

**Job Club** / Career Counselors Ginny Ruder and Rose Macom will lead an ongoing weekly job club. The discussion topics may include writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for an interview, using the Internet and social media together with the Library's resources to conduct a job search, and tips on developing a strong professional network. While it's recommended you attend as often as possible, you are welcome to come when you're able. Each session will include time to ask questions and share ideas with the group and career counselor.

Wednesday / 6 / 6:30 PM

**Poetry Slam and Open Mic** / Our exciting "1st Wednesday" series continues with Open Mic, SLAM competition and guest poet Jared Singer, a poet and audio engineer from New York who has represented the city with the Urbana Slam team at the National Poetry Slam a number of times. He has been published by *The Legendary* and has also appeared on the IndieFeed Performance Poetry Podcast. To take part in the open mic or slam, please register at 6:30pm and bring two original poems of up to three minutes each. Registration closes promptly at 7, and the program starts shortly thereafter. Co-hosted by local poet and slammaster Eric ZORK Alan. Refreshments are served and all are welcome! Questions? Contact program librarian Miriam Varian by phone (422-6980) or e-mail ([mvarian@whiteplainslibrary.org](mailto:mvarian@whiteplainslibrary.org)). Poetry Slam is a project of the White Plains Library Foundation.

Thursdays / 7, 14, 21, 28 / 2:00 PM

**English Conversation Group** / Adult learners speaking English as a second language are invited to converse in small groups with a librarian facilitator. Please contact Elizabeth @ 914-422-6985 for more information.

Saturday / 9/ 1:00 PM

**Immigration Workshop** / The Pace Community Law Practice (PCLP) will hold a two-hour presentation about immigration law including family-based and humanitarian-based immigration remedies, such as: the new 601A waiver; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); asylum; and marriage filings and a general overview of the NYS and federal public benefits for which non-citizens are eligible. After the presentation, the PCLP staff will be available for a general question and answer period. Any changes in immigration law before the presentation will also be briefly discussed.

Saturday / 9/ 2:00 PM

**Explorar la Idea Para Su Pequeño Negocio** / ¿En algún momento ha considerado lanzar su propio negocio? ¿Ya ha probado, pero sin éxito? Este taller le ayuda en profundizar cómo hacer su idea una realidad mientras explorar aspectos del emprendedurismo clave para el éxito. No es necesario tener experiencia en los negocios para aprovechar de esta información

Sunday / 10/ 2:00 PM

**Ladies' Day Jazz Trio** / Ladies' Day is an ensemble of women jazz musicians who play music composed by classic and contemporary women jazz composers. Vocalist MJ Territo, pianist Linda Presgrave, and bassist Iris Ornig present songs from jazz greats such as Peggy Lee, Melba Liston and Marion McPartland, as well as tunes by women active on today's jazz scene. Come celebrate Women's History Month with this lively concert.

Wednesday / 13/ 7:00 PM

**Campaign Finance Reform in New York State** / Join us for an important discussion of why campaign finance reform is critically needed in New York State. Many qualified citizens do not run for office because they don't have big donors backing them. We lose the very core of democracy if only those with big money run for office. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Westchester County, New Rochelle and White Plains, and the White Plains Public Library. Discussion leaders: Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director, and Barbara Bartoletti, Legislative Director, The New York State League of Women Voters.

## FOR TEENS

Monday / 4/ 4:30 PM

**Teen Advisory Group** / You talk, we listen! Come and give your ideas on what you want to see in the library from movies to music to books. Help us plan teen events and let us know what you want from the library. Pizza and snacks will be served after the meeting.

Thursdays / 7, 14, 21/ 4:00 PM

**Video Game Creation** / For teens. This class is an intensive, hands-on workshop addressing the basic challenges of game and interactive design. The premise of the class is that all games, including both digital and non-digital, share common fundamental principles, and that understanding these principles is an essential part of designing successful games. Students will design and develop a video game about the dangers of distracted driving. Please register or contact the library if you are interested in attending this course.

Wednesday / 13/ 6:00 PM

**Tween Craft - Decoupage** / Learn the thrifty art of decoupage with Westchester artist Susan Ordahl. Decoupage is the art of decorating by gluing paper or cutout magazine pages to an object like a small box or an item of furniture. You can bring an item from home to decoupage or you can learn by decoupage the cover of a notebook that will be provided to you at the workshop. You can also bring your favorite magazines (although we will have plenty for you to use) or color copies of favorite photos. This is a thrifty craft because it re-uses items that you can find around the house. For Middle School Students, Grades 6-8. Registration is not required but greatly appreciated. Snacks will be served.

Monday / 18/ 6:30 PM

**Nutrition for Tweens** / Stacey Jackson, Nutritionist at Shop Rite, is coming to talk to middle school students about the importance of healthy eating and reading food labels. After, join her in preparing a simple, delicious & healthy meal. For middle school students. Registration is not required but greatly appreciated.

Wednesday / 20/ 6:30 PM

**Nutrition for Teens** / Stacey Jackson, Nutritionist at Shop Rite, is coming to talk to high school students about the importance of healthy eating and reading food labels. After, join her in preparing a simple, delicious & healthy meal. For high school students. Registration is not required but greatly appreciated.

Monday / 25/ 1:00 PM

**Introduction to Babysitting** / For teens. This four-hour class includes the responsibilities of the babysitter and the parents; emergencies and safety; playing and infant care. At the conclusion of the class, teens are required to take a simple true/false test. Handouts and a certificate of completion are distributed as well. Registration is not required but greatly appreciated. Food will be provided.

## **FOR CHILDREN**

Monday / 4/ 10:00 AM

**Registration for Book Bunch** / Registration begins for March Book Bunch. Third and fourth graders register for Monday, March 25th. Fifth and sixth graders register for Thursday, March 28th. Register in person and pick up your free copy of the selected title. Sorry, we cannot accept registration by telephone.

Tuesday / 12/ 12:00 PM

**WLS Spanish Language Book Fair** / Westchester Library System presents the 3rd Annual Spanish Book Fair featuring Spanish-language book vendors (the public may purchase books from 5-6 p.m.), community organizations, local food tasting while supplies last, a poetry reading at 3:00 p.m., a Latin dance performance at 4:00 p.m., and free raffles. RSVP to Nancy Coradin at 914.231.3259 or ncoradin@wlsmail.org.

Sunday / 17/ 2:00 PM

**Family Storytime: Traditional Indian Spring Celebration of Holi** / Listen to a traditional Indian folktale and enjoy traditional henna painting in this program celebrating the arrival of spring.

Monday / 18/ 4:30 PM

**The Very Fairy Princess Party** / This sparkly event will feature fairy stories, crafts, activities and refreshments. For children ages 4 to 7 years.

Wednesday / 20/ 4:30 PM

**Greenburgh Nature Center** / Come and meet many different animals from the Greenburgh Nature Center. For elementary school age children. Tickets distributed a half hour before the program. Sponsored by the Central Westchester Audubon Society.

Sunday / 24/ 2:00 PM

**Fairy Houses - A Play Workshop** / The Westchester Children's Museum will lead a craft workshop on making fairy houses for children in 1st through 6th grade. Each child will make a house, and then we will arrange them in a village for parents and younger siblings to view at 3:30 pm. There is limited space. To ensure the comfort & safety of patrons, tickets are given out 30 minutes before the program starts. Please arrive early.

Monday / 25/ 11:00 AM

**Trove @ The Movies: "Brave"** / An animated adventure film from Pixar and Disney. Set in Scotland in a rugged and mythical time, "Brave" features Merida, a princess whose interests include archery and horse riding. Merida makes a reckless choice that unleashes unintended peril and forces her to spring into action to set things right. Rated PG (some scary action & rude humor) 1hr. 40 mins.

Wednesday / 27/ 7:00 PM

**Trove @ The Movies: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Dog Days"** / Trove @ the Movies presents everybody's favorite wimp, Greg Heffley. When Greg's dad threatens to send him to military school if he doesn't stay out of trouble, Greg finds all new ways to land himself in the doghouse! Rated PG, 94 mins.